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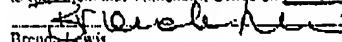
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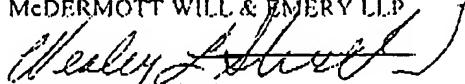
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The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2005.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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